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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application)	
of U.S. Patent No. 6,329,275 B1)	
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Inventors: Takashi Ishigami et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/732,888)	Group Art Unit: 2822
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Reissue Filing Date: December 10, 2003)	Examiner: Unknown
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For: INTERCONNECTOR LINE OF THIN)	
FILM, SPUTTER TARGET FOR)	
FORMING THE WIRING FILM AND)	
ELECTRONIC COMPONENT USING)	
THE SAME)	

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Sir:

REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

We, Takashi Ishigami, Koichi Watanabe, Akihisa Nitta, Toshihiro Maki, and Noriaki Yagi, all citizens of Japan, with residences and post office addresses as listed below, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1. We believe we are the original joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in United States Patent No. 6,329,275 B1, granted on December 11, 2001, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled, "INTERCONNECTOR LINE OF THIN FILM, SPUTTER TARGET FOR FORMING THE WIRING FILM AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENT USING THE SAME."

2. We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Japanese Patent Application No. 7-264472, filed October 15, 1995.

3. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the original patent claims, and the claims in the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 10, 2003.

4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

5. We believe U.S. Patent No. 6,329,275 B1 to be, through error and without deceptive intent, at least partly inoperative by reason of our claiming less than we had a right to claim in the patent.

6. An error, which is a statutory basis for reissue, is that we unnecessarily limited the scope of patent protection to which we are entitled. Claims 1-6 do not cover the full breadth of our disclosed invention, and we erred by not pursuing during the original prosecution additional, broader claims, such as those filed in the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 10, 2003. For example, Applicants' patent protection need not be limited to a sputter target, consisting essentially of 0.001 to 30 at % of at least one first element constituting an intermetallic compound of Al, as recited in independent claim 1.

7. The above-described error and all other errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intent.

8. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE, CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), OFFER TO
SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT & GRANT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.172(a), Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba, consents to the filing of the above-identified reissue application and, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-identified patent by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on April 10, 1998 at Reel No. 9627, Frame No. 0756.

Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.178, also hereby offers to surrender the original patent.

I hereby declare that I am empowered to sign this document on behalf of Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba, that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent or any further patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorney and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. **FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., CUSTOMER NUMBER 22,852**, Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur

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